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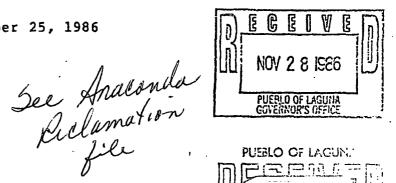
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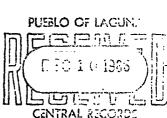
Reference:

Appeal of Joint Bureau of Indian Affairs Bureau of Land Management Order of April 4,

Jackpile-Paguate Mine 3570(017)

Dear Mr. Swimmer:

The undersigned is writing on behalf of its client, Anaconda Minerals Company ("Anaconda") and on behalf of the Albuquerque office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in regard to the above referenced matter. On June 5, 1986, you granted an extension of time for 6 months to allow all interested parties in the above matter to resolve the issues of this appeal through the negotiation pro-Since that date, Anaconda has engaged in intensive settlement negotiations with the Pueblo of Laguna and the United States Department of Interior regarding ultimate reclamation of the Jackpile-Paguate Mine, which includes aspects such as the control of the property on which the mine site is located. It now appears that the issues raised by the April 4 Order may be near to resolution as a result of negotiations among Anaconda, the Pueblo of Laguna, and the local Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") and Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") offices. A proposed settlement in these matters was submitted by Anaconda and the Pueblo of Laguna to the BIA and the BLM in August of 1986. Following a meeting of the parties on August 19, 1986, the BIA and the BLM subsequently issued a proposed Joint Revised Order, which



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